

DEVELOPMENT OF EXTERNAL TRUCK TRIPS FOR MPOS



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Overview

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BENEFITS OF EXTERNAL TRUCK TRIPS

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Benefits

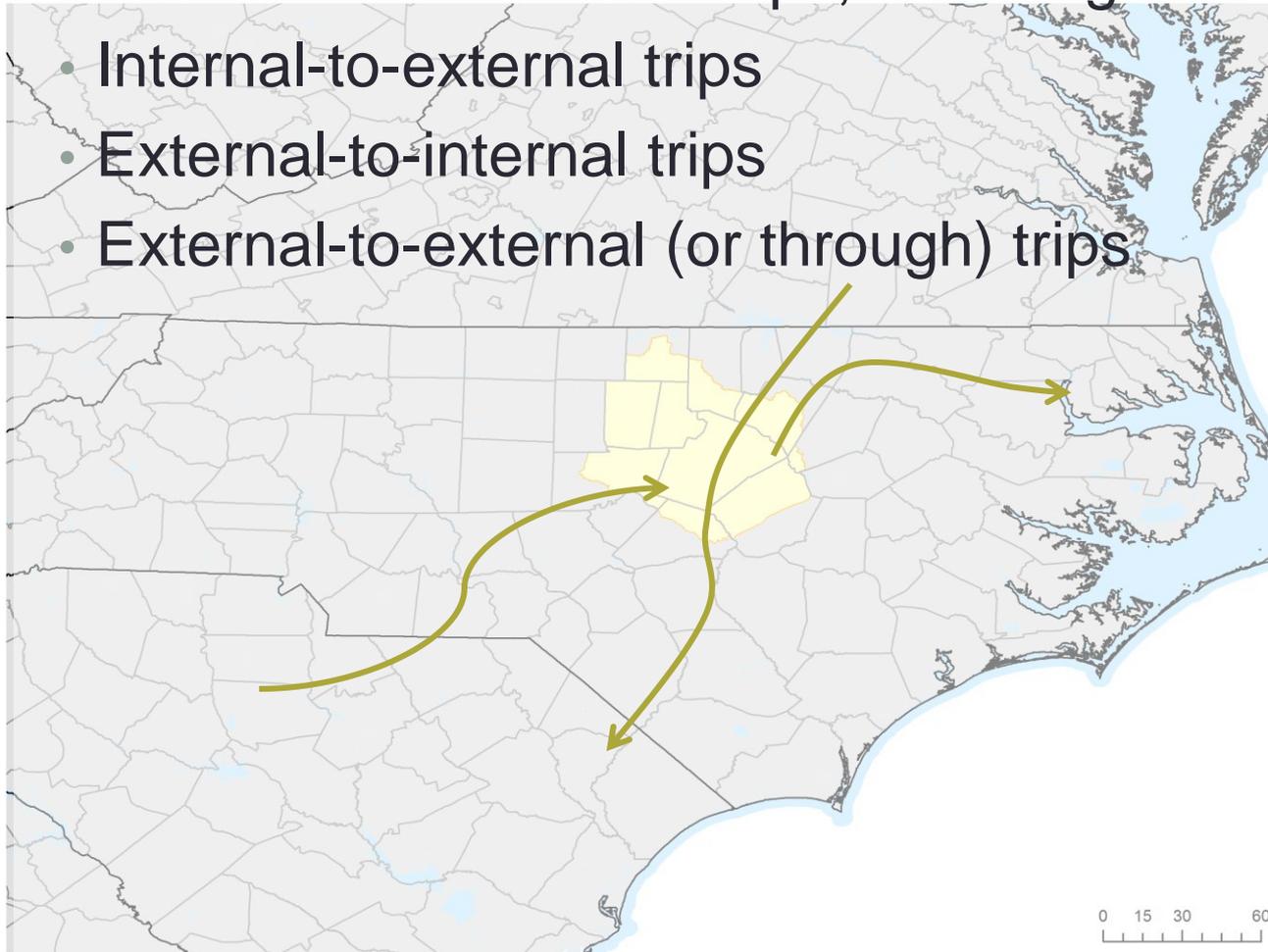
- Ability to model long distance truck trips.
- Built to forecast any year from 2007-2040
- Outputs a trip table that can be incorporated into your MPO model with minimal effort.
- Can be split by time of day.
- Adds appropriate truck congestion to roadways.

MODEL DESIGN

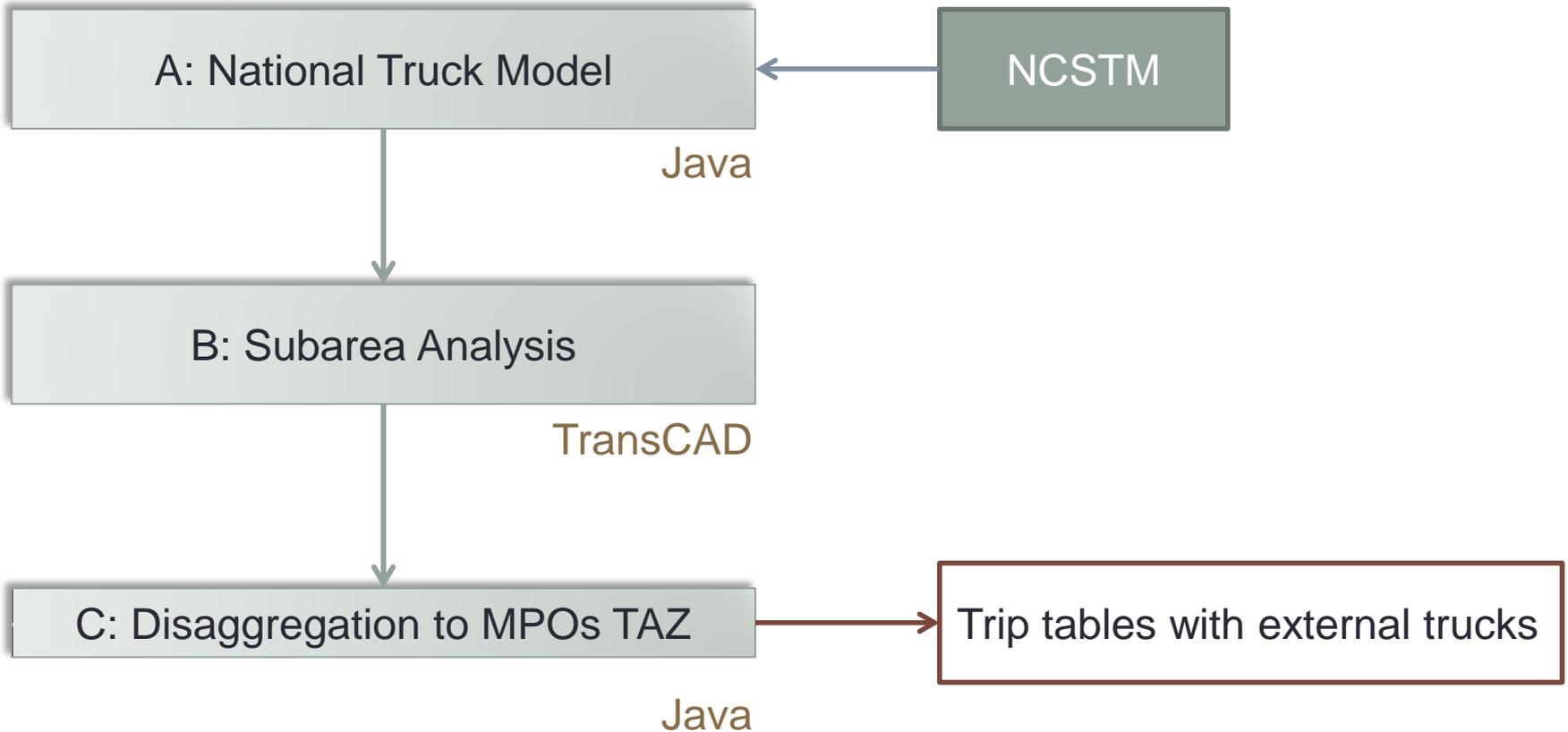
Modeling External Trucks

Purpose

- Generate external truck trips, including
 - Internal-to-external trips
 - External-to-internal trips
 - External-to-external (or through) trips



Model Design



A: FREIGHT DATA SUMMARY

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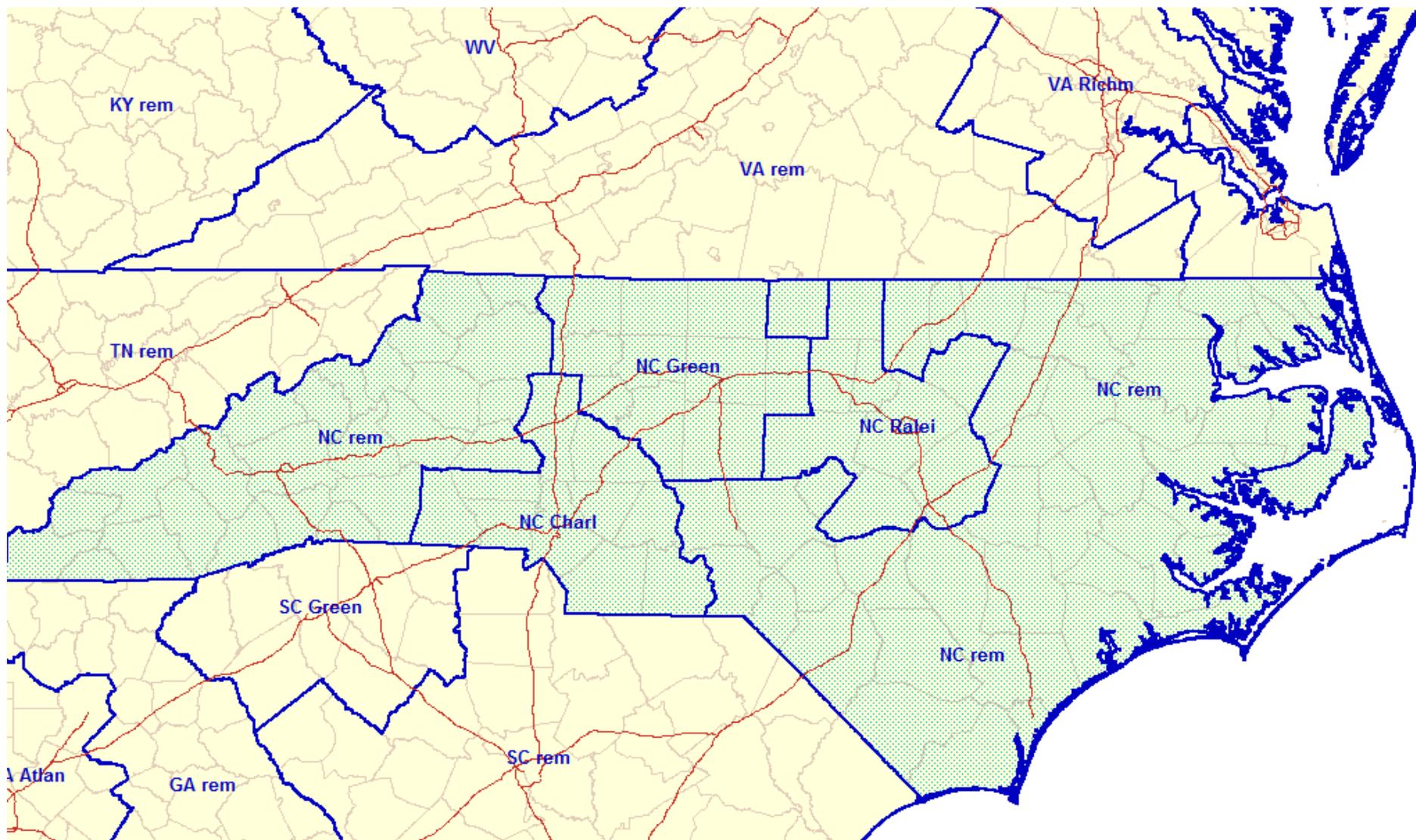
FAF³ Data

Published by FHWA, contains freight flows by

- 123 domestic and 8 international FAF zones
- 7 modes
- 43 SCTG commodities
- Port of entry/exit

Most current version: FAF^{3.4}

North Carolina FAF Zones



FAF Model Years

A horizontal grey arrow pointing to the right, representing a timeline.

2007

2015

2020

2025

2030

2035

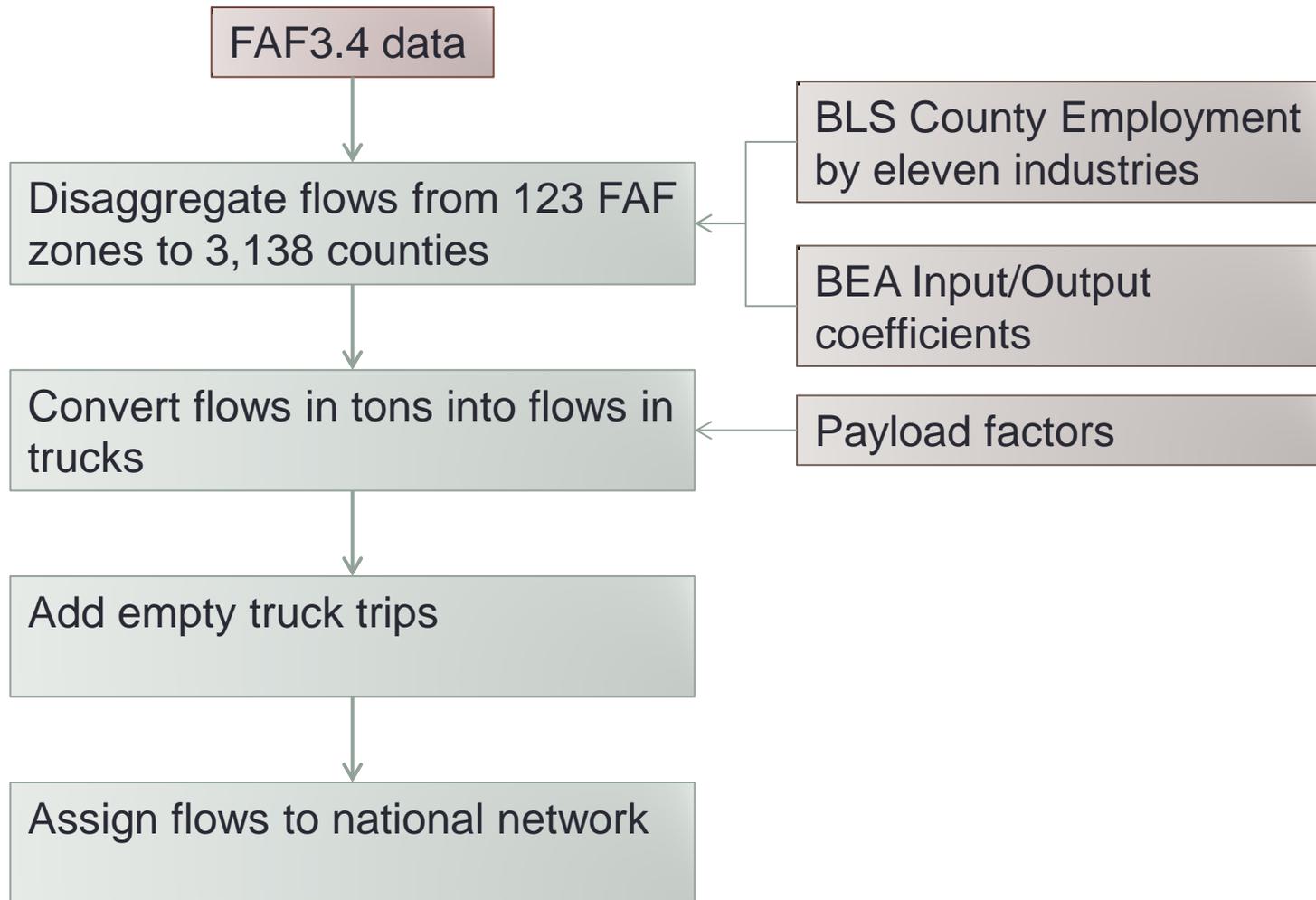
2040

FAF³ years

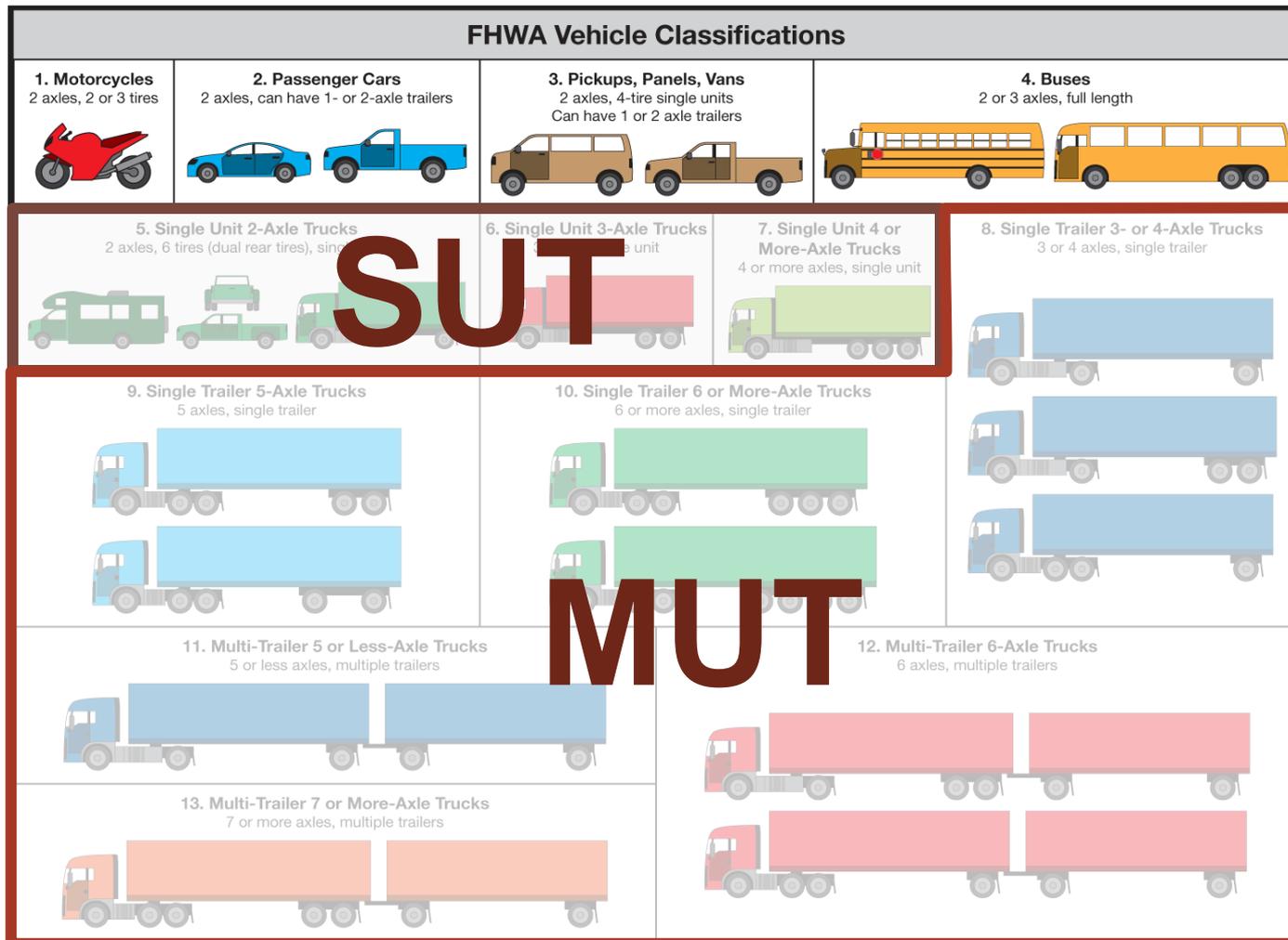
B: NATIONAL TRUCK MODEL

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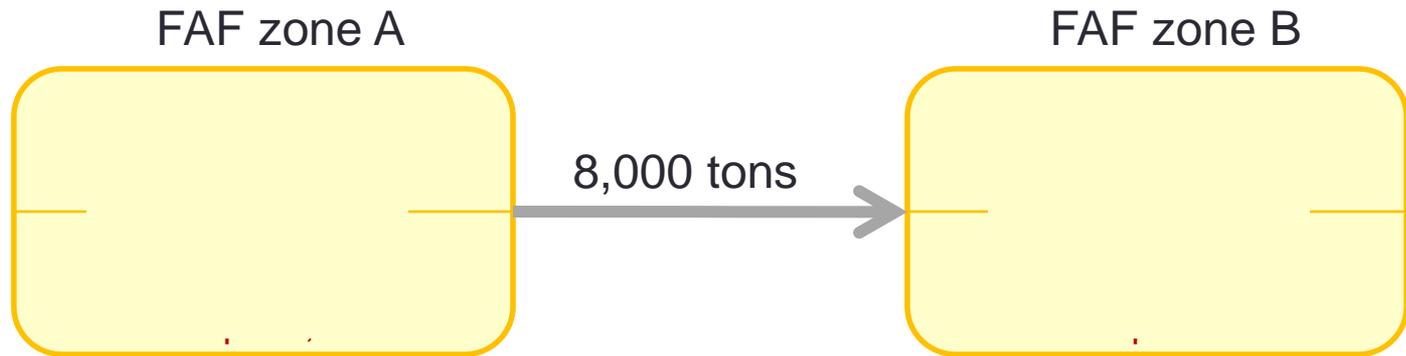
Model Design



FHWA Vehicle Classes



Disaggregation of FAF³ Flows



Flow	Calculation	Weight	Share	Tons
i → k	1,000 * 5,000	5,000,000	30%	2,424
j → k	2,000 * 5,000	10,000,000	61%	4,848
i → l	1,000 * 500	500,000	3%	242
j → l	2,000 * 500	1,000,000	6%	485
Total		16,500,000	100%	8,000

Convert Tons to Trucks

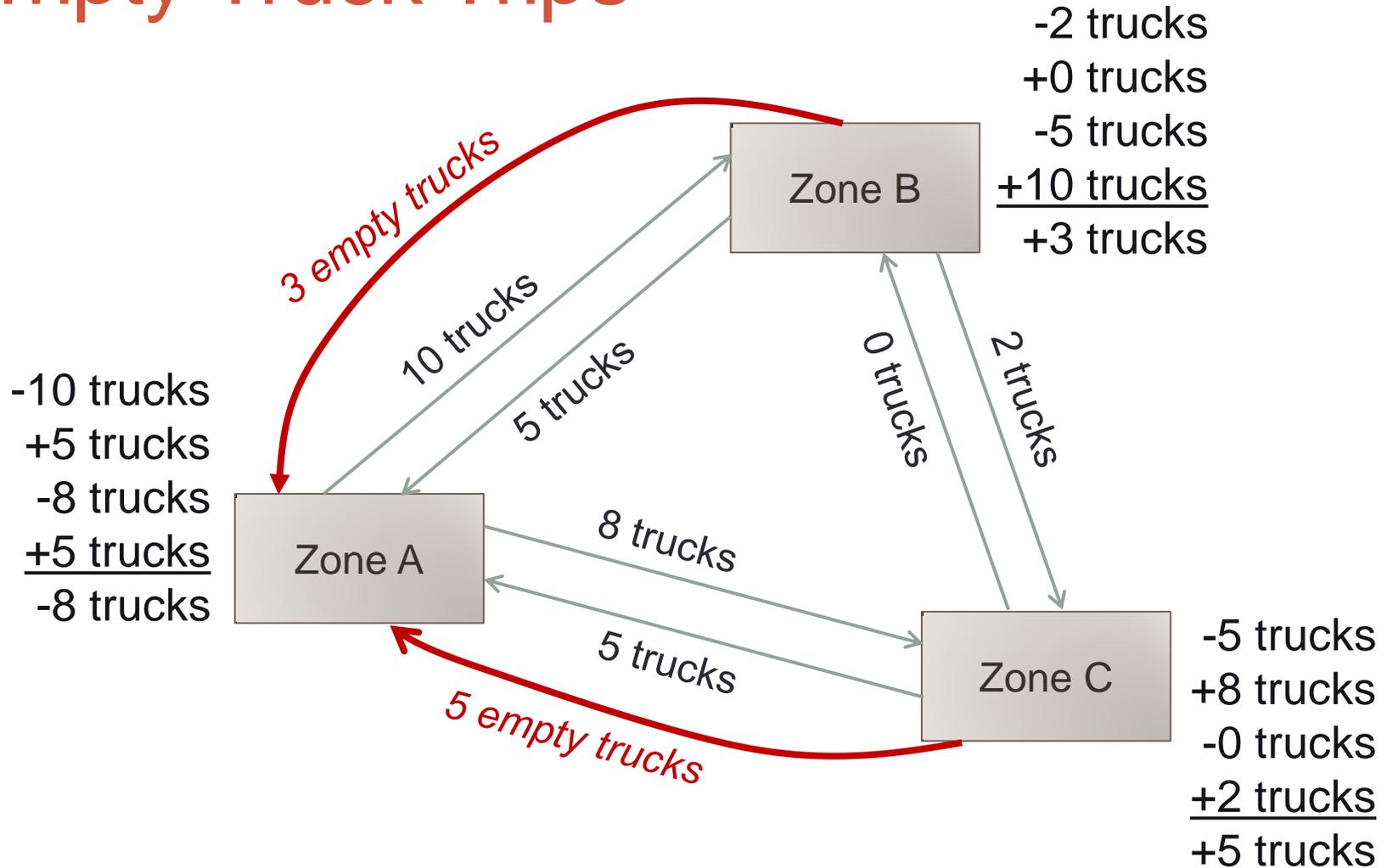
SCTG	Commodity	Payload factor
SCTG01	Live animals/fish	24,492
SCTG02	Cereal grains	27,945
SCTG03	Other ag prods.	22,140
SCTG04	Animal feed	22,967
SCTG05	Meat/seafood	30,691
SCTG06	Milled grain prods.	11,831
SCTG07	Other foodstuffs	25,926
SCTG08	Alcoholic beverages	20,573
SCTG09	Tobacco prods.	25,168
SCTG10	Building stone	25,429
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SCTG43	Mixed freight	11,826

Convert Annual Into Weekday Flows

$$\mathit{trucks}_{daily} = \frac{\mathit{trucks}_{yearly}}{365.25} \cdot \frac{AAWDT}{AADT}$$

$$\frac{AAWDT}{AADT} = 1.02159$$

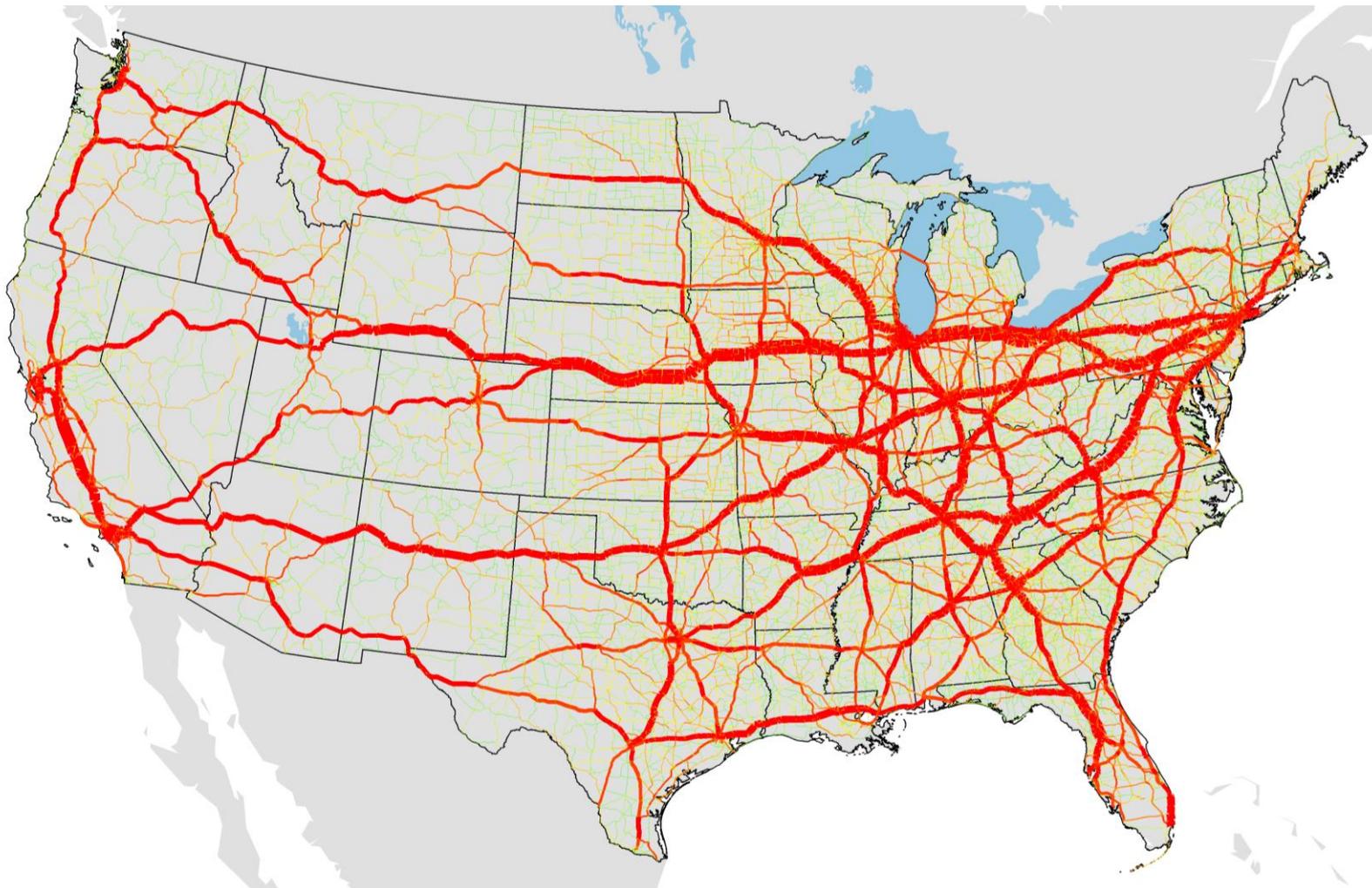
Empty Truck Trips



Assignment

- At national level for all counties
- Multi-class assignment
- PCE for single-unit trucks (1.5) and multi-unit trucks (2.0)
- Background volume assumed based on facility type

National Assignment



C: SUBAREA ANALYSIS

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Sub-Area Analysis

The screenshot displays the 'Planning' software interface. The 'Multi-Modal Multi-Class Assignment' dialog box is open, showing various settings for a traffic assignment analysis. The 'Sub-Area' sub-dialog box is also open, allowing for the creation of a subarea.

Multi-Modal Multi-Class Assignment Dialog:

- Line Layer: Highway
- Network File: F:\...\VafNetwork_withPhantomCounties.ne
- Method: User Equilibrium
- Delay Function: Bureau of Public Roads (BPR)
- O-D Matrix: Critical Matrix
- Toll Matrix: (empty)
- Class Information: Matrices, PCE, PCE G, VOT, Fixed Toll, Road Toll, Exclusion Set
- Area Info: Centroids: 7, External Stations: 39, Internal Links: 588
- Globals: Iterations: 20, Rel Gap: 0.01, Path Diff: 0, Error: 5, Iterations: 10

Subarea Setting Dialog:

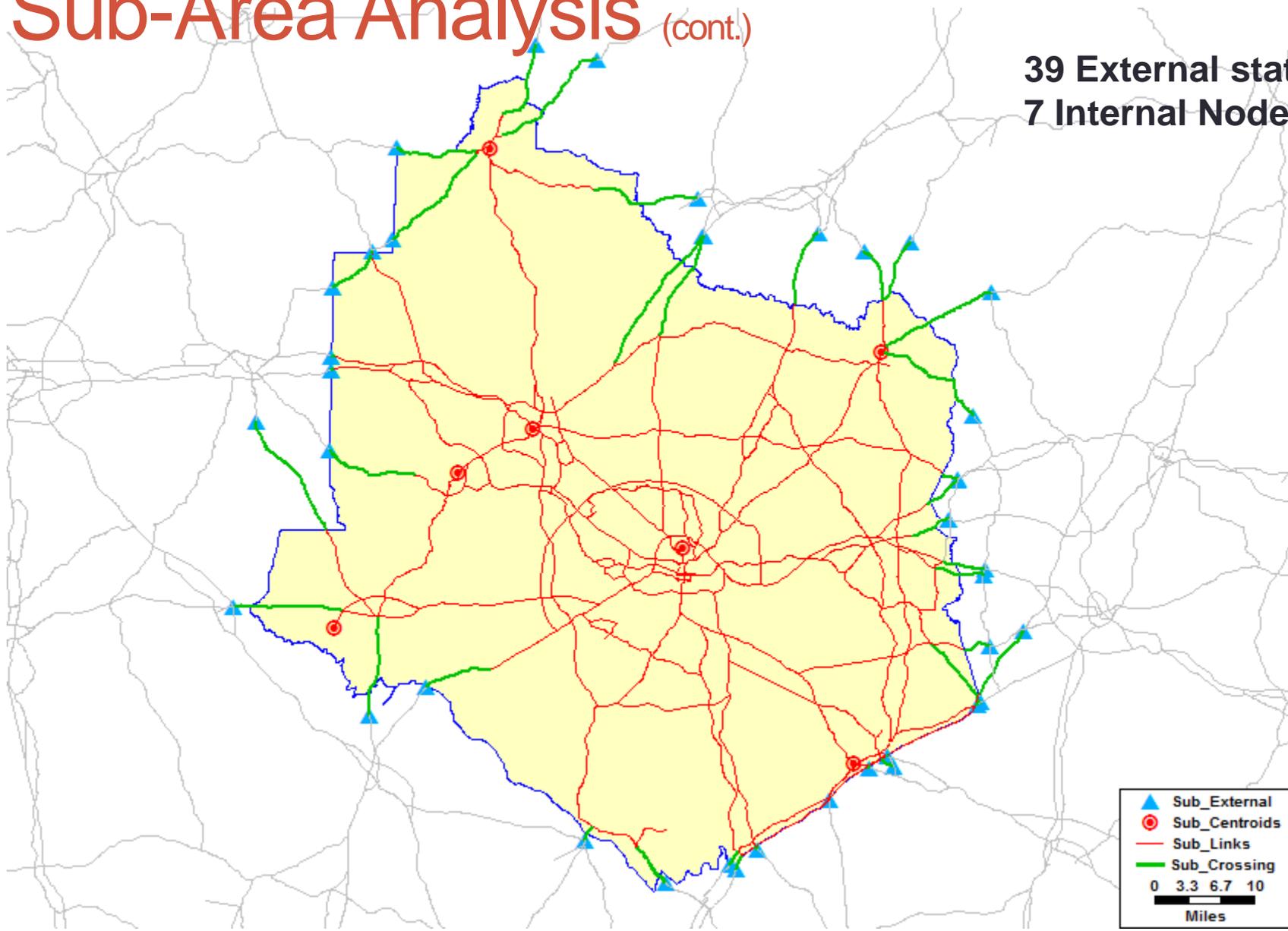
- Create Subarea Using:
 - Polygon
 - Area Layer
 - Selections
- Layer: TRM_TAZ_Dissolve
- Selection: All Features
- Buttons: OK, Cancel

Planning Menu:

- Planning (highlighted)
- Window
- Help
- Trip Productions
- Trip Attractions
- Balance...
- Quick Response Method...
- Trip Distribution
- Mode Split
- P-A to O-D ...
- Time of Day Analysis...
- Single Class Traffic Assignment
- Multi Class Traffic Assignment (highlighted)
 - Multi-Modal Multi-Class Assignment...
 - Multi-Modal Multi-Class Subarea Analysis...
- Other Assignment Methods
- Assignment Utilities
- OD Matrix Estimation
- Import Planning Data
- Planning Utilities
- Census Utilities
- Survey Utilities
- Distributed Computing
- Logging
- Batch Editing

Sub-Area Analysis (cont.)

39 External stations
7 Internal Nodes



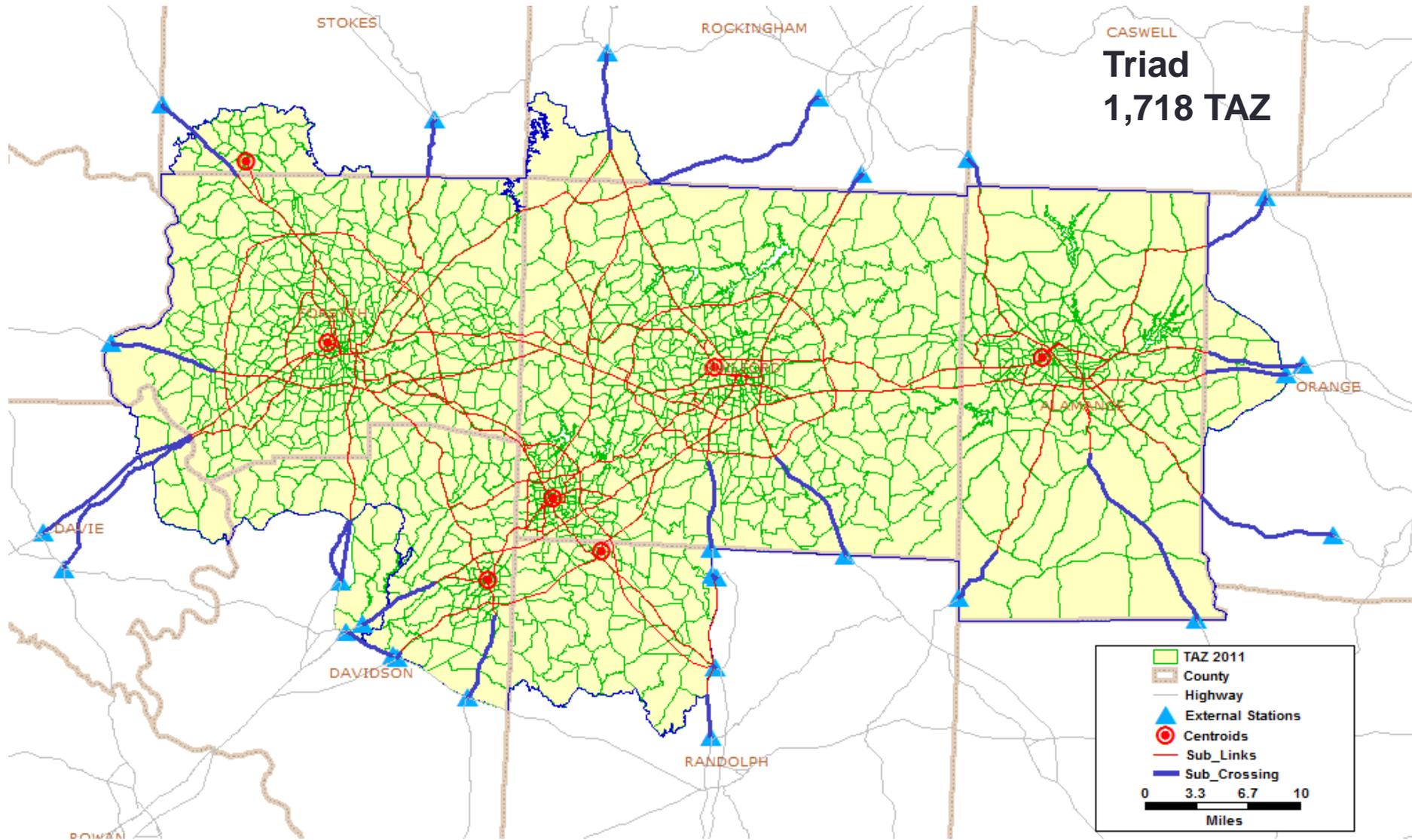
D: DISAGGREGATE TO MPO TAZS

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Input Files

- National FAF Network
- Centroids
- Local Network
- Local TAZ Layer
- Local Socioeconomic Data
- Trip Rates
- TAZ to County mapping
- External Station Mapping
- Counts for Calibration

Disaggregation to MPO TAZ



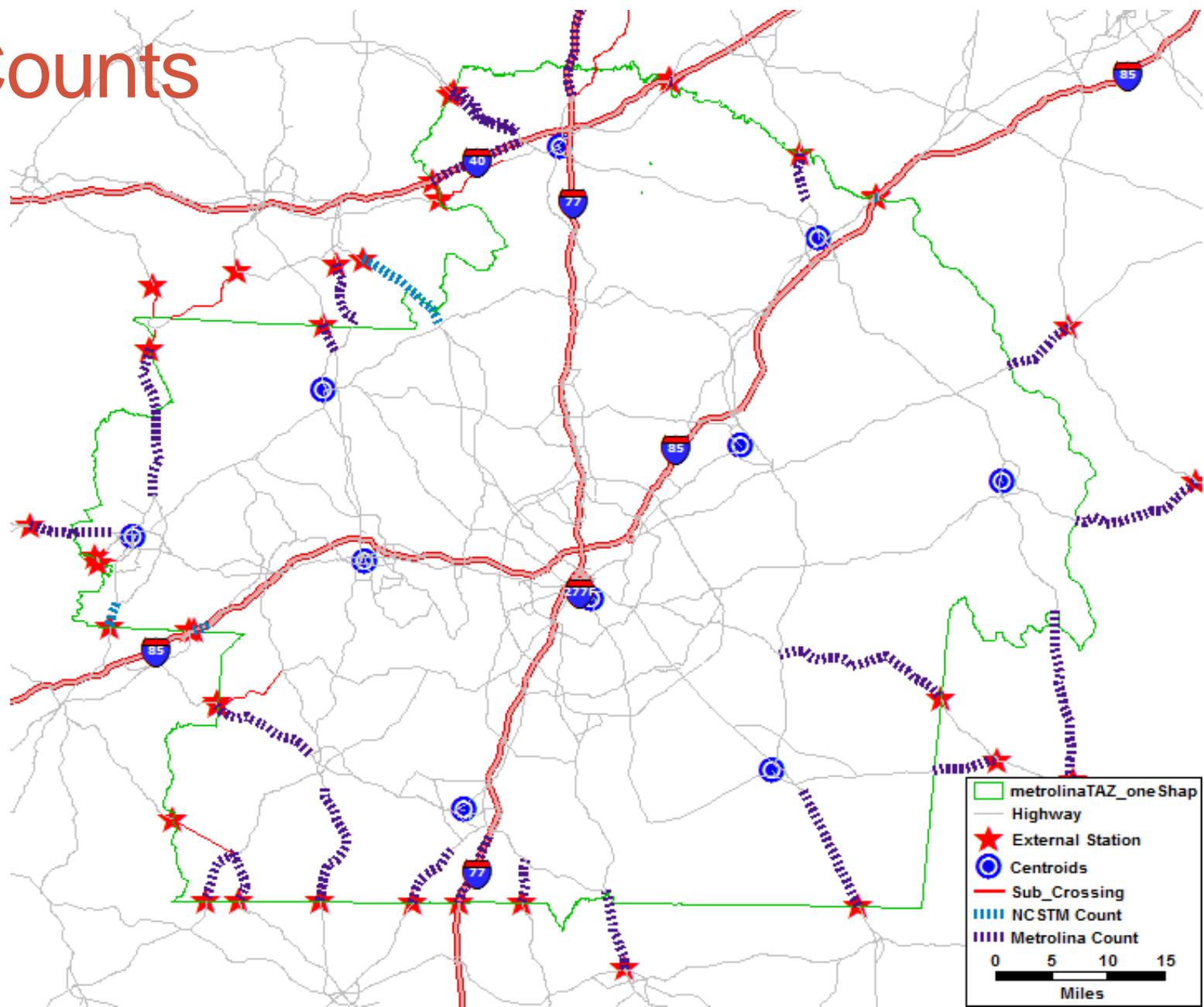
Disaggregation of Truck Trips to TAZ

Direction	Origin	Destination
Internal-to-External	Based on employment	Given by external station
External-to-Internal	Given by external station	Based on employment
External-to-External	Given by external station	Given by external station

E: CALIBRATION

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Counts



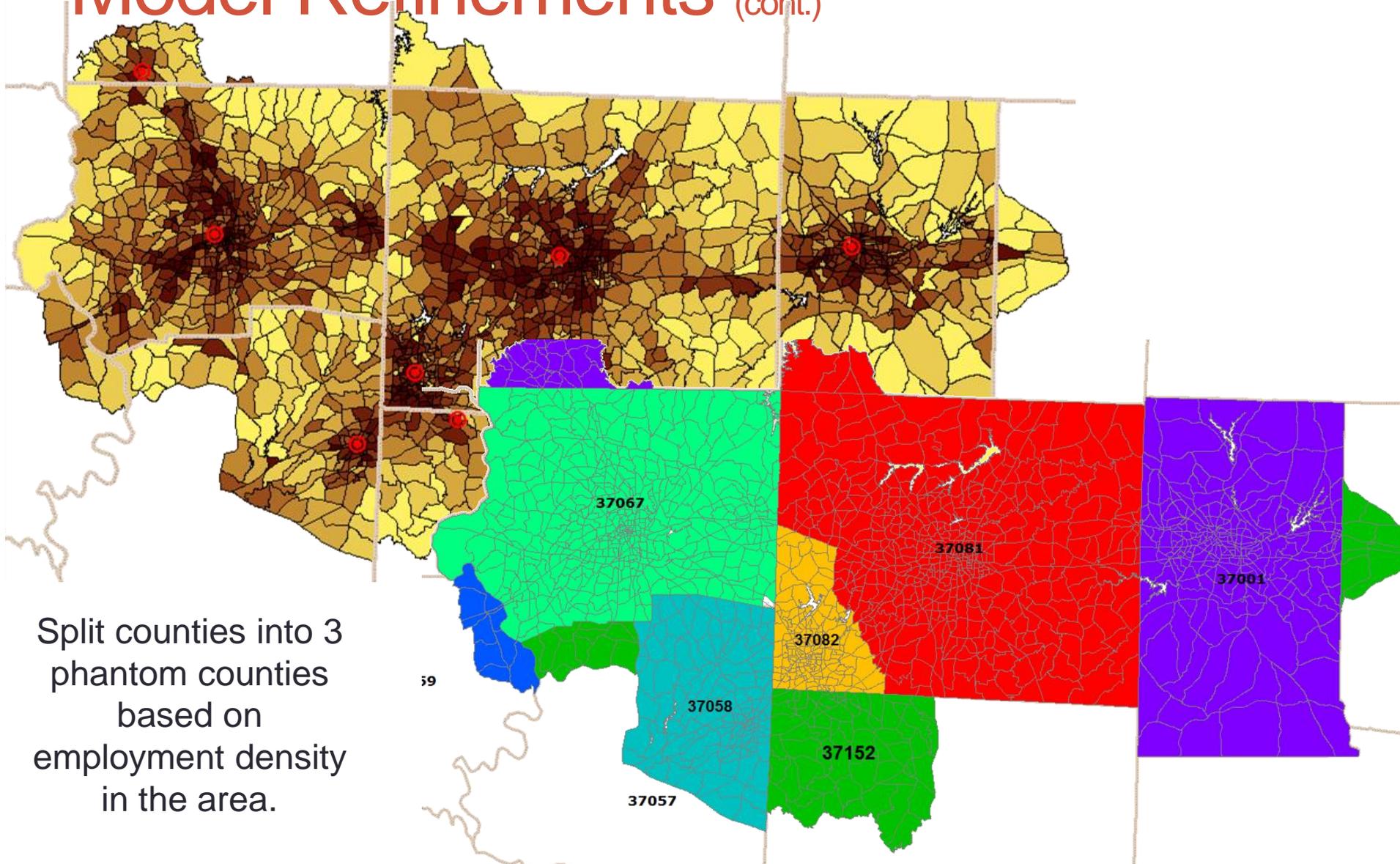
Scaling Factors

- Master truck ton adjustment
- Percent SUT adjustment
- Truck trip adjustment
 - FAF_FAF,
 - STATE_STATE,
 - STATE_FAF,
 - FAF_STATE
- County scalar

Model Refinements

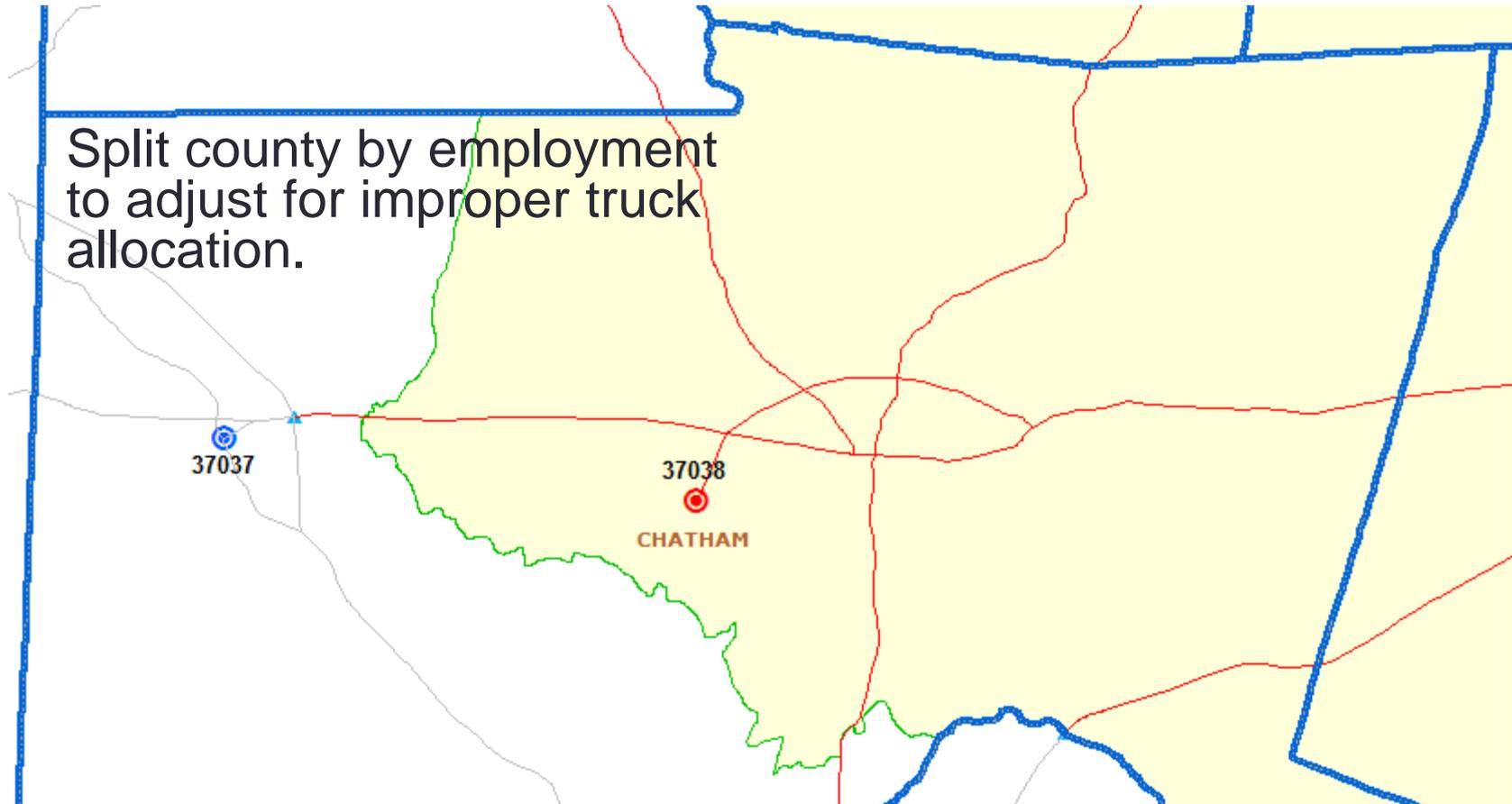
- Splitting counties by employment
- Increase/decrease speeds to adjust travel time
- Run select link analysis

Model Refinements (cont.)



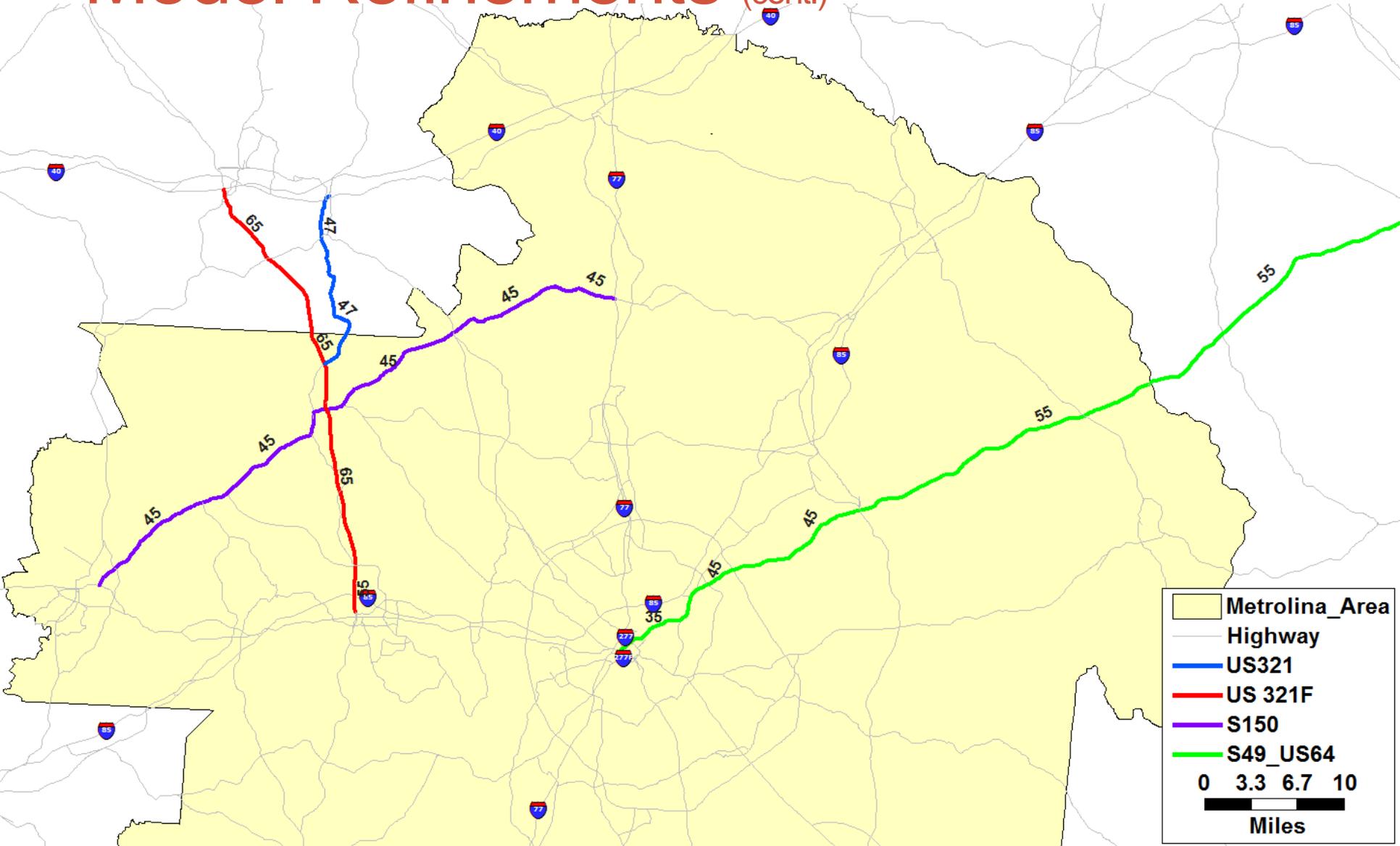
Model Refinements (cont.)

Split county by employment to adjust for improper truck allocation.



Roadway	Count	Model	% Difference
US64 Before Split	264	577	119%
US64 After Split	264	264	0%

Model Refinements (cont.)



F: RESULTS

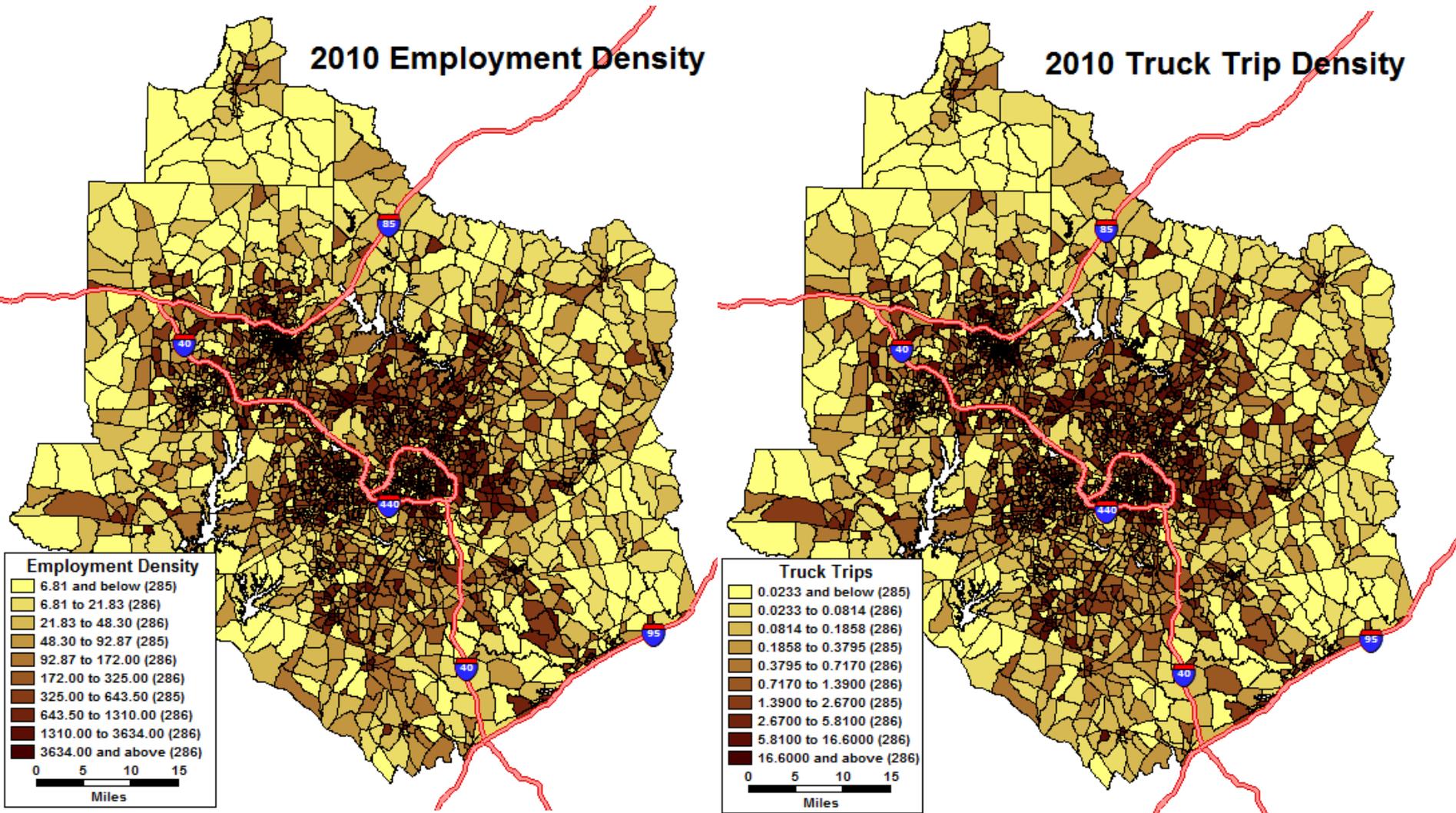
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External Truck Trip Table

Dataview1 - extTruckTripTable_Triangle_201

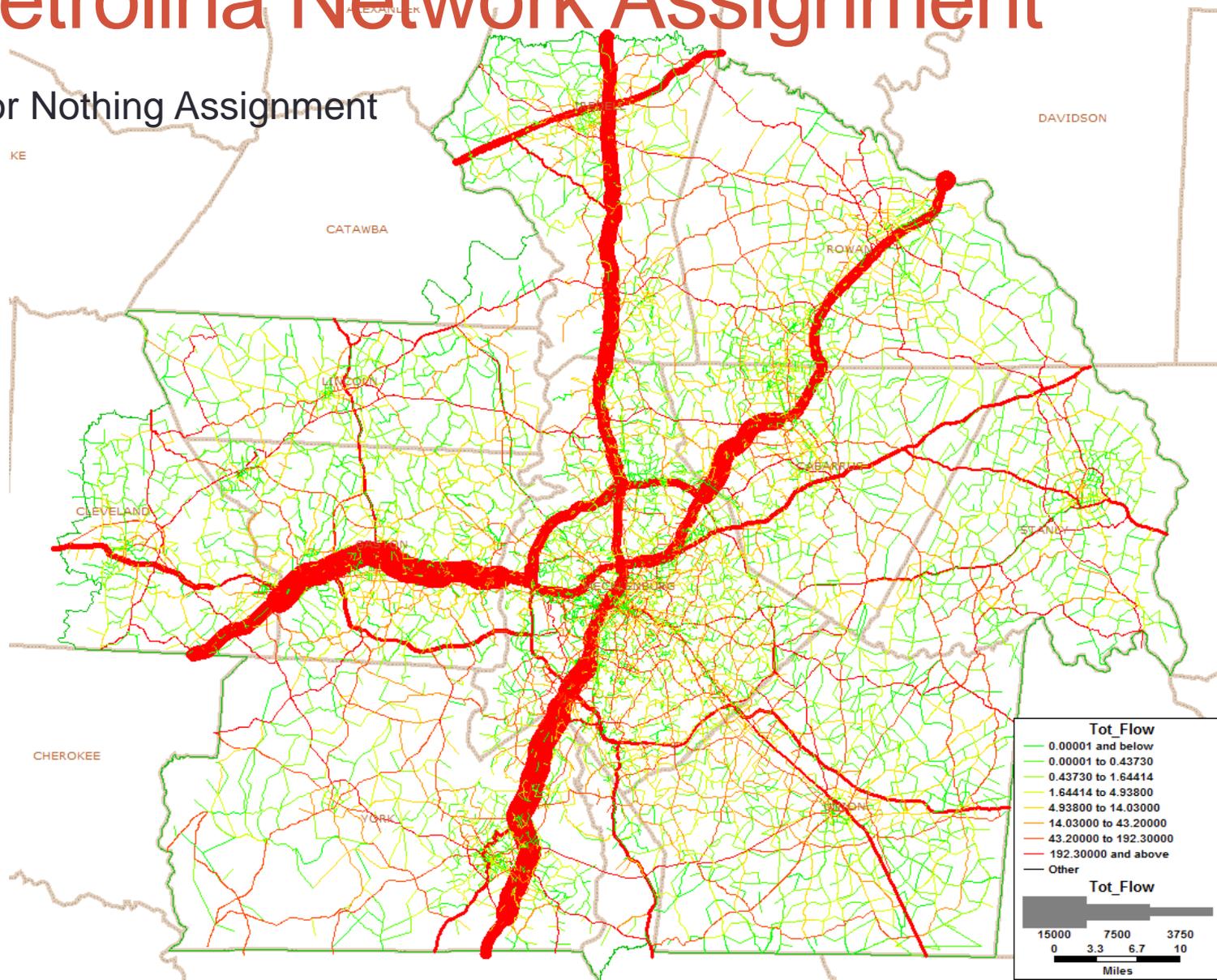
OrigZone	DestZone	singleUnitTrucks	multiUnitTrucks
2905	2925	1072.9000	2552.1899
2925	2905	1096.5000	2501.6599
2876	2951	854.1900	1798.5500
2951	2876	780.4500	1731.3900
2951	2896	154.1000	597.8400
2951	2901	162.9700	574.6300
2896	2951	136.2900	568.8400
2901	2951	145.1600	551.4000
2915	2951	135.9200	534.6200
2923	2951	150.7600	520.5600
2951	2915	131.1100	518.2300
2951	2923	134.3600	448.8300
2932	2930	162.8000	381.8100
2930	2932	107.3300	326.8400
2907	2925	103.5000	317.2400
2925	2907	95.8600	305.9600
2905	2919	88.8000	158.7700
2876	2936	71.9500	139.9300
2936	2876	31.5100	95.6800
2919	2905	30.4600	88.5800
2925	2917	30.8600	75.9100
2917	2925	22.9100	61.6700

Employment and Truck Trips



Metrolina Network Assignment

All or Nothing Assignment



F: CURRENT USES

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MPO Models

- The following MPO's are using this model or a similar approach to produce external truck trips:
 - Triangle (Raleigh, NC)
 - Metrolina (Charlotte, NC)
 - NORPC (New Orleans, LA)
 - RTC (Reno, NV)

Other Models

- The national FAF model methodology is also being used in the following models:
 - NCSTM (North Carolina)
 - NYMTC (New York)
 - Illiana (Indiana and Illinois)

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